

## **John L. Burton**

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John L. Burton, an attorney, graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law. John served in the California State Assembly from 1965 until 1974, in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1974 until 1983, in the California State Assembly again from 1988 until 1996, and in the California State Senate from 1996 until 2004 where he served as Senate pro Tempore.

Mr. Burton also served as the Chairman of the California Democratic Party from April 2009 through May 2017. During his tenure as Chairman, despite massive Republican gains nationwide, the California Democratic Party swept all statewide offices being contested. They won a net gain of four House seats by defeating three GOP incumbents, and winning an open GOP seat, and won a supermajority in the Houses of State legislature – a feat in which the party last accomplished in 1882.

His passionate advocacy on behalf of foster youth led to the founding of the nonprofit organization that bears his name, John Burton Advocates for Youth. This organization has helped transform the child welfare system and improved the lives of foster youth all across the State of California.

Mr. Burton also serves as partner in the political consulting firm, Burton & The Brains.

John was appointed by Governor Gavin Newsom to the Penal Code Revision Committee in January 2020.